

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

In The Claims:

1.(Currently Amended) A method of identifying a candidate beta catenin pathway modulating agent, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing an assay system comprising a uridine phosphorylase (UP) nucleic acid;
- (b) contacting the assay system with a candidate test agent ~~under conditions whereby, but for the presence of the test agent, the system provides a reference activity; and~~
- (c) ~~detecting a test agent-biased activity of the assay system~~ determining the expression of UP nucleic acid in the presence of the test agent compared to the expression in the absence of said test agent, wherein a difference between the ~~agent-biased activity and the reference activity~~ expression of said UP in the presence of the test agent compared to the expression in the absence of said test agent identifies the test agent as a candidate beta catenin pathway modulating agent.

2.- 7. (Canceled)

8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the assay system includes an expression assay comprising a UP nucleic acid and the candidate test agent is a nucleic acid modulator.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the nucleic acid modulator is an antisense oligomer.

10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8 wherein the nucleic acid modulator is a phosphothioate morpholino oligomer (PMO).

11.- 25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8 wherein the nucleic acid modulator is an siRNA.